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## Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., Metropolitan Baptist Church, Newark, NJ.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Eternal and all wise God, we assemble this morning thanking You for this opportunity that You have given us. We thank You for the abundance of Your grace, for the extension of Your mercy, and the assurance of Your protection. Help these Senators to be faithful to the higher ideals of justice, liberty, and righteousness. Speak to their collective consciousness as they endeavor to make our Nation, and, yes, even the world, a house of hope, love, and peace.

Gracious Master, hold Your ideals over the women and men of this governing body. Place a crown of righteousness above them, and encourage them to grow tall enough to wear it. Your sacred scripture says that without a vision, the people will perish. Give the Senators a vision for America—a vision that will enable this country to be a responsible citizen of the world.

Now, Lord, grant unto these Senators the courage to lead this Nation in complex and confusing times. Help them to rely on that which is greater than themselves. May they be guided by Your Spirit and Your intelligence as they seek to establish the laws of this land. Bless us all. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 11, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Madam President, the Senator from New Jersey wishes to make a few remarks relative to the guest Chaplain. I ask unanimous consent that following my very brief statement, the Senator from New Jersey be recognized for up to 3 minutes and that time not count against the morning business time this morning.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, the Senate will be in a period for morning business until 10:30 this morning. As the Chair will announce shortly, the first half of the time is under the control of the Republican leader. The Senator from Maine is here to use the first 15 minutes. She has been courteous in allowing the Senator from New Jersey to precede her. Following her time, the second half hour will be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee.

At 10:30 a.m., we will be back on the accounting reform bill, with 90 minutes of debate prior to a vote in relation to the McConnell amendment. The first 45 minutes of that time will be under the control of Senator BYRD, and the second 45 minutes will be under the control of Senator MCCONNELL, the offerer of the amendment to be voted upon at noon today.

Cloture was filed on the accounting reform bill. Therefore, all first-degree amendments must be filed prior to 1 p.m.

Madam President, I have spoken with the majority leader today. He intends to finish this bill. We will have a vote on cloture tomorrow. So tomorrow could be a day with some votes. If anyone is planning on leaving early, they should understand there could be some votes tomorrow. We have 30 hours after that cloture motion vote has taken place. The leader has indicated he is going to finish the bill. Senators should be aware.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from New Jersey.

### THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. CORZINE. Madam President, I thank the Senator from Maine for her courtesy in allowing me the opportunity to say a few words about my

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